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SUBJ: CUSTOMS DUTIES

REF: LIMA A-21, FEBRUARY 11, 1975

1. BECAUSE THE ACCUMULATION OF GOODS IN CUSTOMS IS SERIOUSLY HAMPERING PORT OPERATIONS AND SINCE THE MAJOR PORTION OF THESE GOODS CORRESPONDS TO PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED ITEMS, THE GOP PROMULGATED DECREE-LAW 21105 ON FEBRUARY 25, 1975. THIS DECREE, ON A ONE TIME BASIS, AUTHORIZES CUSTOMS TO AUCTION ALL GOODS WHICH ARRIVED IN CUSTOMS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 1974. THIS AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF THE PROMULGATION OF THE DECREE.

2. TO SIMPLIFY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE IMPORT PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DESPATCH OF GOODS AND TO AVOID CONGESTION IN PORT AREAS, AND TO ESTABLISH NORMS THAT WILL MAKE ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS MORE PRACTICAL IN ORDER TO SPEED UP LAWSUITS, THE GOP ISSUED DECREE LAW NO. 21115 ON MARCH 12, 1975. THIS DECREE PROVIDES THAT AS OF THE DATE OF ITS PROMULGATION ALL GOODS ENTERING CUSTOMS WILL HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN WITHIN A MAXIMUM TERM OF 60 DAYS. OTHERWISE, THE GOODS WILL BE DECLARED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES THAT THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORT REGULATIONS WILL HAVE TO PRESENT WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS DECREE, THE NECESSARY PROJECTS DESIGNED TO REDUCE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO THOSE STRICTLY ESSENTIAL

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IN ORDER TO MAKE IMPORTPROCEDURES PRACTICABLE AND TO ESTABLISH

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OFFICIALS WORKING IN CUSTOMS.

3. COMMENT: IMPORTS HAVE CONGESTED PORTS SINCE THE GOP BEGUN ADMINIS-
TERING THE NEW CUSTOMS LAW (REFAIR LIMA --21FEB 11, 1975)
DESIGNED TO SPEED UP AND SIMPLIFY CUSTOMS OPERATIONS, THE NEW
LAW AND REGULATIONS HAVE PRODUCED TREMENDOUS CONGESTION. THE
ABOVE TWO MEASURES ARE DESIGNED TO CLEAR UP THE BACKLOG
AND AVOID A NEW BUILD UP ON A CURRENT BASIS.
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